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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Tomoo HIROTA
DESIGN VARIABLE OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND
DESIGN VARIABLE OPTIMIZATION METHOD
Assignee: SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED
Our Ref. Q64771

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 28 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	12	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=	x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$710.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								\$710.00
Recordation of Assignment								\$40.00
TOTAL FEE								\$750.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from June 2, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-166276. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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